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RP, US HOLD AID DISCUSSION. The governments of the Philippines and the United States, represented by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) recently held consultations on the current and future directions of US assistance to the Philippines at the USAID office in Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City. Present were NEDA Deputy Director General Rolando G. Tungpalan (top photo, right) and USAID Mission Director Jon Lindborg (bottom photo, second from left). The meeting noted the need to sustain the gains of the Philippine economy to spread the benefits to majority of the Filipino people.

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